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Greetings all, and hope you are having a safe and happy holiday season, wherever this find you. Attached please find a release from the Government of Georgia about the new Transparency International corruption report that found Georgia #1 in the world in terms of the public's perception of the decrease in corruption. This is the latest acknowledgement of what is a huge success story about the turnaround Georgia as done in curbing corruption since the Rose Revolution. Few nation's have posted such a track record. In fact, most are headed in exactly the opposite direction. Hope you might consider a short story about this, or if you want to write more in depth about it, please contact me.
Best Regards and Stay Safe, John

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GEORGIA RANKS 1ST WORLDWIDE IN THE DECREASE OF CORRUPTION LEVEL ACCORDING TO THE TRANSPARENCY INTERNATIONAL



Government of Georgia
Press Release

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The 2010 Global Corruption Barometer by the Transparency International rates Georgia 1st in the world in terms of the (public perception of the) decrease of the level of corruption, with 78% of the surveyed claiming the corruption level has decreased.

Georgia is placed in the least corrupt group of countries with merely 3% admitting having paid a bribe within the last 12 months. The same average score for the EU and North America is 5%. In this regard Georgia is outperformed by Australia, Denmark, Finland, Switzerland, Germany, Norway, United Kingdom, South Korea and Netherlands.

The survey ranks Georgia the 2nd best in public perception of effectiveness of Government actions in the fight against corruption.

More specifically, various public institutions of Georgia rank high in being free of corruption the world-over, including:

Public officials	—	3 rd
Police	—	3 rd
Business sector	—	3 rd
Military	—	4 th
Political Parties	—	5 th
Education	—	5 th

Georgia's achievements are more important against the findings of the global survey that 'most people interviewed in the 2010 Barometer perceive an increase in corruption levels in their countries over the past 3 years' and the general trend that 'one out of four worldwide has paid a bribe'. Georgia is a positive outlier vis-à-vis this trend.

Transparency International's *Global Corruption Barometer* is the largest cross-country survey to collect the general public's views on and experiences of corruption. The 2010 Barometer reflects the views of 91,781 people across 86 countries.

Source: Global Corruption Barometer 2010, www.transparency.org

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Georgia: Key Economic Data	2004A	2005A	2006A	2007A	2008A	2009A	2010E
Nominal GDP (GEL mln)	9,824.3	11,620.9	13,789.9	16,993.8	19,074.9	17,986	20,450.6
Real GDP Growth (y-o-y, %)	5.9%	9.6%	9.4%	12.3%	2.3%	3.8%	5.5%
GDP per Capita (US\$)	1,187.6	1,483.5	1,763.5	2,314.6	2,921.3	2,455.2	2,520.7
GPI (e-o-p, %)	7.5%	6.2%	8.8%	11.0%	5.5%	3.0%	
Net FDI (US\$ mln)	483	542	1,185.9	1,674.9	1,523.0	759.1	770
Current Account Deficit as % of GDP	-6.6%	-10.7%	-14.9%	-18.9%	-22.3%	-11.8%	-14.7%
GEL/US\$ (e-o-p)	1.83	1.79	1.71	1.59	1.66	1.69	
GEL/EUR (e-o-p)	2.49	2.12	2.26	2.33	2.34	2.42	

Source: National Statistics Office of Georgia - GeoStat, Ministry of Economic Development, Ministry of Finance, National Bank of Georgia

Georgia has, as of the date hereof, the following sovereign credit ratings:

Standard & Poor's	Sovereign Credit Rating	'B+/ Stable/B+'
Fitch Ratings	Long Term Issuer Default Rating/Short Term Issuer Default Rating/Country Ceiling	'B+/ Stable /B/BB-'

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